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CPSC, Ryobi Technologies Inc. Announce Recall to Repair Circular Saws

WASHINGTON, D.C.- In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), Ryobi Technologies Inc. (RTI), of Anderson, S.C., is recalling to repair about 125,000 circular saws. The lower blade guards on these saws can stick in the open position, posing a risk of serious injury to the operator and bystanders.

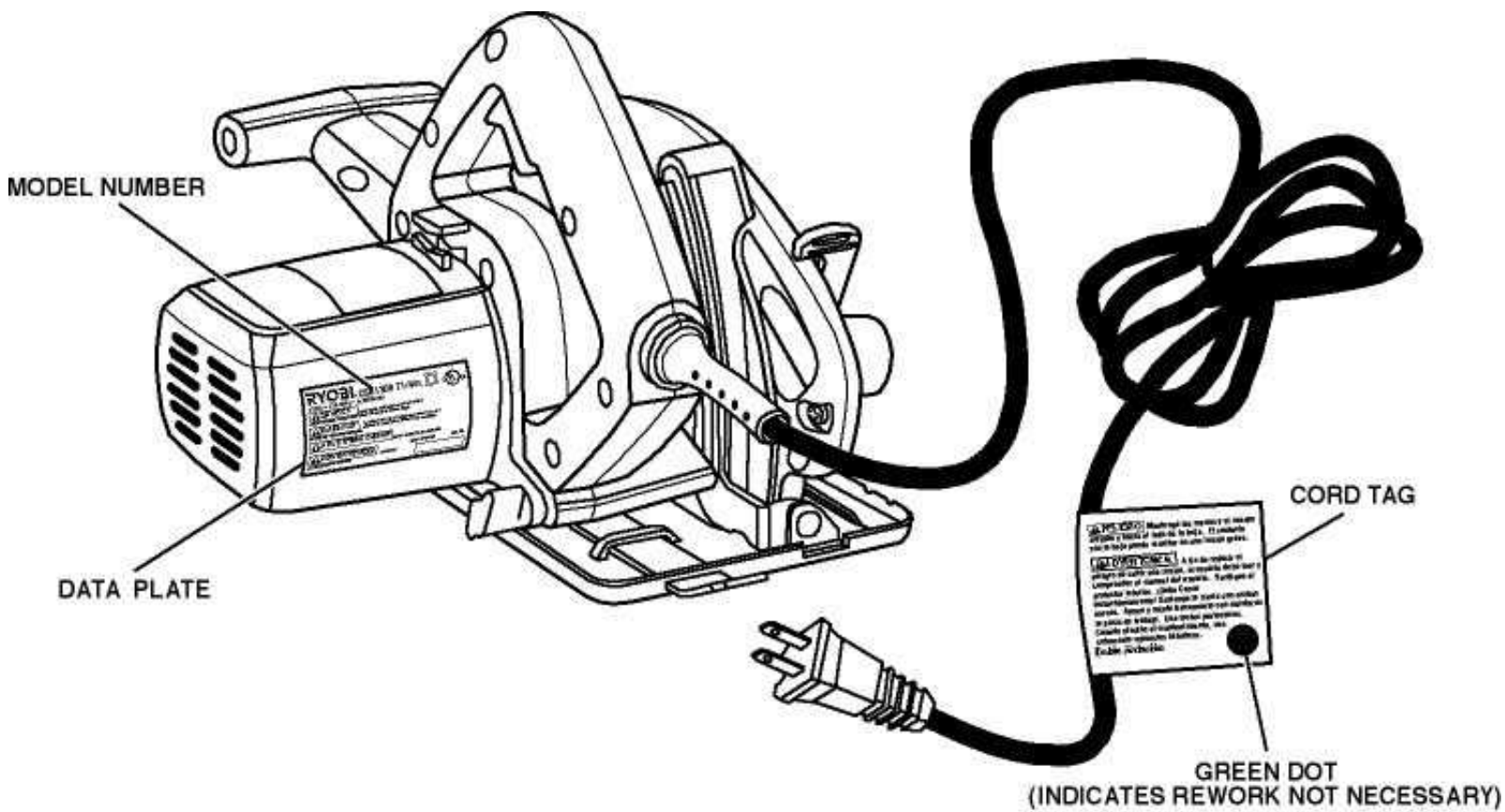
Ryobi Technologies has not received any reports of incidents. This recall is being conducted to prevent the possibility of injuries.

The 7 1/4-inch circular saws have a blue plastic body and a metal blade guard. The name "Ryobi" appears on the blade guard and the motor housing. The recalled saws have one of the following model numbers - CSB120, CSB130, CSB1308, CSB130K, or CSB130JS - which can be found on a white label on the motor housing. Some of the recalled saws were sold in kits that included a hard plastic, gray storage case (embossed with "Ryobi Circular Saw") with the saw and blade inside.

Home centers (including Home Depot), hardware stores, and catalogs nationwide sold the circular saws from October 1998 through July 2001 for between \$60 and \$140.

Consumers should stop using the saws immediately and contact Ryobi's Consumer Response Team for a free repair kit. Consumers should call Ryobi toll-free at (800) 867-9624 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday. Consumers also can write to the company at: Ryobi Technologies Inc., P.O. Box 1207, Anderson, SC 29622, Attention: Consumer Response Team.

Any circular saw with a green dot on the warning label (which is affixed to the power cord) or on the product's packaging, is not included in this recall.



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/talk.html>. For information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call the above numbers or visit the web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/pubs/103.html>. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.